

APPLICATION FOR UNITED STATES PATENT

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SUSPENDED DRIVE AXLE AND AGRICULTURAL TRACTOR WITH SAME

the specification (including at least one claim) and drawing(s) (if any) of which were filed on 9 March 2001 as Application Serial No. 09/802,666.

I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified application, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

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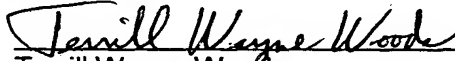
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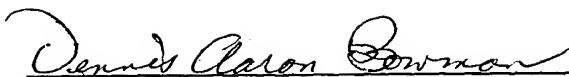
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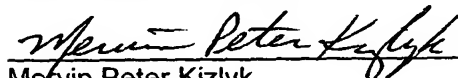
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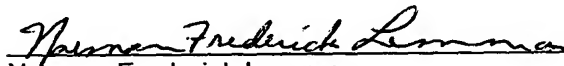
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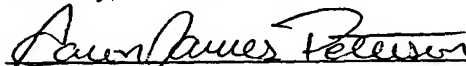
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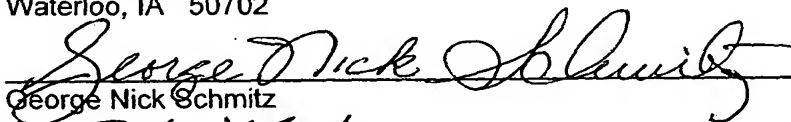
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